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PH fishers return to shoal amid Sino presence

By DJ Yap

FILIPINO fishermen have returned to Panatag Shoal, sharing the disputed waters with their Chinese counterparts under the careful watch of Philippine and Chinese maritime ships, a military official said yesterday.

Lt. Gen. Anthony Alcantara, chief of the Northern Luzon Command (Nolcom), reported that six Filipino fishing boats were anchored yesterday in the lagoon in the middle of a cluster of reefs and islands in the area, internationally known as Scarborough Shoal, 220 kilometers west of Zambales.

It was the first time the military reported the presence of Filipino fishermen in the area since tensions began on April 10 when two Chinese surveillance ships stopped the Philippine Navy from arresting eight Chinese fishing boats loaded with poached marine life.

Alcantara played down the

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P-Noy sees no war with China / A13



HARD TOIL Thorns along their path and the seething heat do not discourage farmers of Hacienda Luisita in Barangay Mapalacsiao in Tarlac City from doing their daily work in the fields. Last week, the Supreme Court upheld with finality their ownership of land parcels in the sugar estate.

Disunity strains Luisita farmers

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

HACIENDA LUISITA, Tarlac City—Divided are the 6,296 farm workers, whose rights to own land in this sugar estate owned by the family of President Aquino have been upheld by the Supreme Court.

Four groups represent them in the estate that in a year or so, depending on the will and pace of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), will cease to be owned by the Cojuangco clan.

Hostile to one another, the four groups—the Alyansa ng mga Manggagawang Bukid

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Palace to implement Supreme Court ruling
• Not all happy with getting land / A13

Gov't workers to get salary increase early

P-Noy bares surprise ahead of Labor Day

By Christine O. Avendaño

BONGABONG, Oriental Mindoro—President Aquino yesterday announced that government workers would get their pay raise one month ahead of its planned release.

The President said this was his "surprise" for government workers tomorrow when the nation celebrates Labor Day.

"It's a substantial number of pesos," Mr. Aquino said of the fourth tranche of a pay hike under the Salary Standardization Law 3 (SSL 3).

He said the question was whether the government could advance this final tranche of the SSL 3.

"The SSL 3 can be completed perhaps one month earlier than the planned implementation," said the President, who was here to celebrate the birthday of Oriental Mindoro Gov. Alfonso Umali, a close ally in the Liberal Party.

The fourth tranche is scheduled to be released in July but Budget Secretary Florencio Abad told the Inquirer that the

GOV'T WORKERS / A17



CRAB HAUL President Aquino stresses a point during the harvesting of king crabs with (from left) Rep. Reynaldo Umali, technician Joel Silvano and Gov. Alfonso Umali at a farm in Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro.

Ruling puts Noy, Cory legacy on the spot

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

THE SUPREME Court decision on Tuesday reaffirming its ruling of November 2011, ordering the redistribution of Hacienda Luisita owned by President Aquino's family to more than 6,000 farm workers and fixing the compensation for the sugar estate at P196 million on 1989 prices has been described as a "litmus test" of the resolve of the administration to implement the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program launched by the President's mother, Cory Aquino, in 1987.

It is also a rigorous test of the steadfastness and consistency of the high court in upholding its 14-0 unanimous landmark decision that directed the

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Sex drug works faster than Viagra



NEW YORK—Here is something for lovers in a hurry.

Men with erectile dysfunction may not have to plan for sex at the last minute, after Vivus Inc. won US approval for Stendra, its faster-acting rival to Viagra.

SEX DRUG / A13

Ombudsman can probe CJ, says Miriam

By Michael Lim Ubac and Marlon Ramos

OMBUDSMAN Conchita Carpio-Morales is not legally barred from separately investigating impeached Chief Justice Renato Corona for allegedly having $10 million in bank deposits, Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago, a constitutional expert, said yesterday.

Acting on several complaints filed in her office, Morales ordered Corona on April 20 to explain in writing how he managed to have millions in several peso and US dollar accounts in the bank in spite of his modest government salary.

The Inquirer obtained a copy of Morales' order, and published the story yesterday.

Corona received the order on April 23. Through his lawyer Ramon Esguerra, Corona denied having $10 million in the bank, saying the complaints were part of a "black propaganda" against him. He said the Ombudsman had no jurisdiction

OMBUDSMAN / A17



HYUNDAI RUN Pop squad members perform as some 36,000 people join the Hyundai RUN (Responsibility, Unity and Nation building) for a Cause sponsored by the distributor of Hyundai vehicles in the Philippines at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila. (Story in Sports, Page A21.)

ADB headquarters: Why Manila, not Tokyo

REVEILLE
Ramon J. Farolan

ONE OF THE BIGGEST events to be hosted by the Aquino administration is the 45th annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) from May 2 to May 5 this year. Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima has dubbed the event as the country's "coming out opportunity to showcase the dividends of good governance and its role in building an economy."

Perhaps this is an appropriate time to look back and ask some questions: Why was Manila chosen over Tokyo as the permanent site for ADB headquarters? The principal international financial institutions in the world, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank, not surprisingly, are located in the United States.

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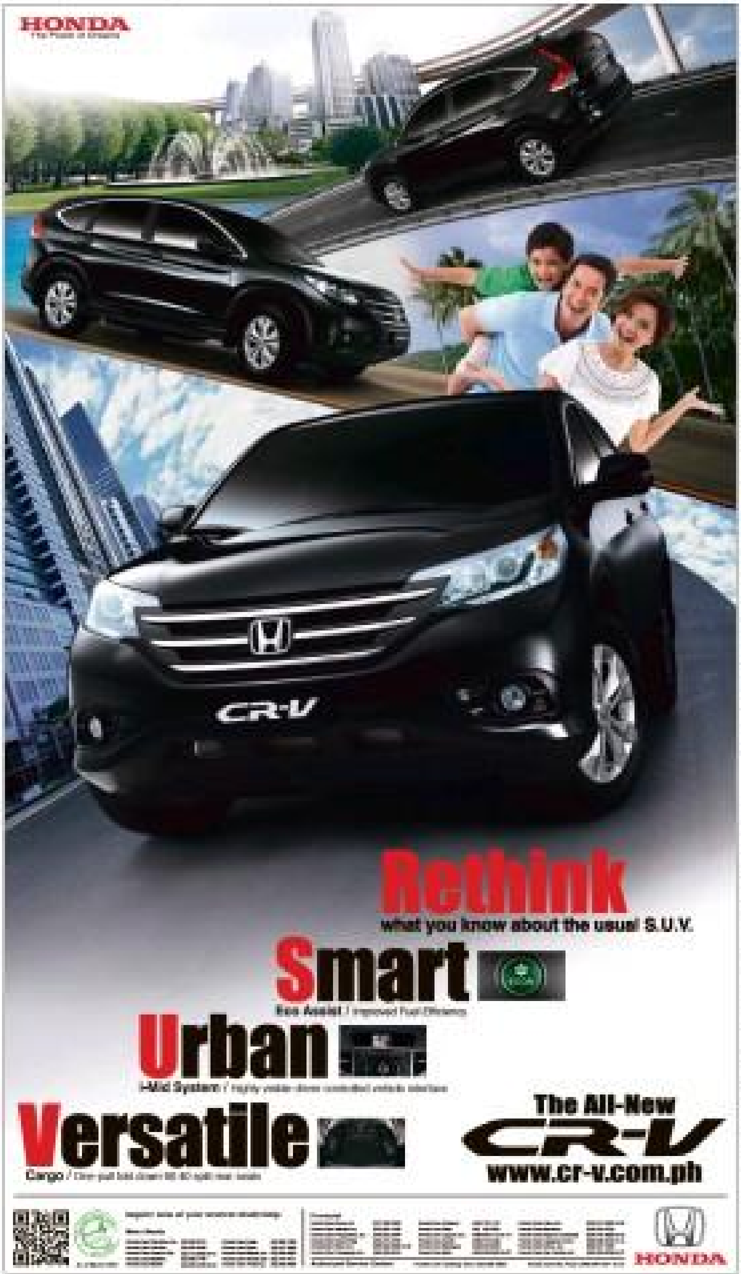
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P-Noy fires first campaign salvo

By Christine O. Avendaño

BONGABONG, Oriental Mindoro—The campaign season is definitely revving up. President Aquino yesterday turned a festivity for harvesting king crabs into an occasion for promoting allied political kingpins.



Prosecution spokesperson

Heat in the north, rain in the south

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Fuel prices go down

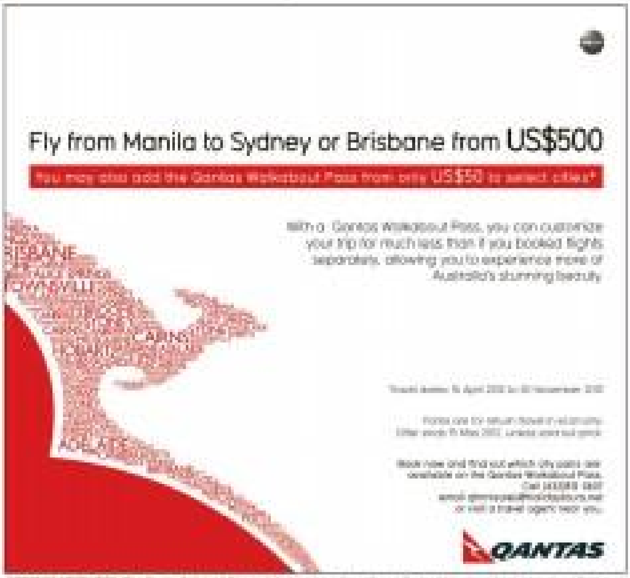


Yabes, Conejos move up at DFA











Disini: Court can't order return of commission

By [illegible]

BUSINESSMAN Herminio Disini, a crony of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos, has dismissed as "a legal impossibility" the order of the Sandiganbayan that he return $50.6 million in commissions that he supposedly earned for facilitating the construction of the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP).

Disini's lawyer, Jose Bernas, said his client would seek a reconsideration of the antigraft court's April 11 ruling which declared that Disini used his close relationship with the Marcoses to secure the BNPP contract for Westinghouse and Burns and Roe in 1974.

Disini fled the country before the collapse of the Marcos regime in 1986 and was said to have taken up residence in Austria.

The court said the testimony of several witnesses showed that the businessman, whose wife, Paciencia Escolin, was a cousin of then First Lady Imelda Marcos, received commissions for closing the $2.3-billion deal with the two US firms.

Bernas said the Sandiganbayan merely based its "return order" on "a photocopy of an unauthenticated 'tabulation'" in ruling that Disini had received huge sums in commissions from the controversial project.

"[T]hat tabulation does not contain any explanation on the purpose for which it was made," Bernas said in an e-mail statement.

"Disini was ordered to return the commissions despite (the) fact that the Westinghouse contracts were not on record and no proof of amounts of commissions received were offered," he said.

The lawyer said the commissions that his client received "were paid by Westinghouse and not by the government."

Bernas also stressed that the contract for the construction of the BNPP was not legally annulled as the Supreme Court had thrown out various petitions that sought to cancel the contract.

He said the Sandiganbayan should have refrained from hearing the allegations of bribery against Disini et al. after the US Federal Court and the Geneva-based International Court of Arbitration dismissed similar complaints filed before them.

He said the foreign courts ruled that "there was no evidence" that Disini, owner of the Herdis Group, had acted as a dummy for the late dictator.

"The Swiss tribunal said the Philippine government failed to prove the alleged bribery in spite [of having] access to information derived from the Swiss government, the Philippine investigation and United States federal court proceedings," Bernas said, adding:

"[T]he project itself was funded and audited by the US Export-Import Bank. [A]ny unusual or irregular commissions or other payments would have been disclosed."

MONARK EQUIPMENT AND STA. CLARA INTERNATIONAL CORP. TURNOVER CEREMONY



Monark Equipment, the country's leading provider of construction and mining equipment, recently turned over the keys of a Putzmeister M 49-5, the longest truck-mounted concrete pump in the Philippines to Sta. Clara International Corp. [illegible]

Correction

IN THE APRIL 20 ISSUE, a Global Pinoy article on Page A20—"Investing in [illegible] engineering talent"—misspelled the name of the company founded by computer engineer Diosdado Banatao. The company's name is Tallwood—not Tallywood.—Newsroom Capital

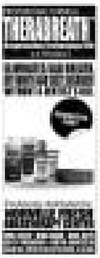
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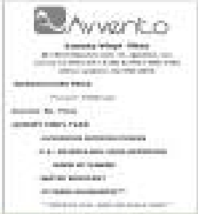
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Complacency killed soldiers, leader admits

‘Prosecution needs me vs Abalos’

By Philip C. Tubeza

A KEY WITNESS in the electoral sabotage case against former Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. asked the poll body to reconsider its decision not to drop the electoral sabotage charge against her.

In a 20-page motion for reconsideration, former South Cotabato election supervisor Lilian Radam asked the Comelec to set aside its April 18 resolution, which denied her immunity from suit in exchange for turning state witness.

Radam said that charging her together with Abalos would weaken the case against the former election chief. She noted that even current Comelec Chair Sixto Brillantes Jr. had admitted that there was "no other direct evidence available for the proper prosecution" of Abalos.

"It is clear that the Comelec resolution sets up for failure the prosecution of the electoral sabotage case against accused Benjamin Abalos Sr.," the petition said.

"Without the crucial testimony of Radam, opposing (Abalos') petition for bail will be an uphill struggle for the prosecution," it said.

Despite the Comelec resolution, the Department of Justice (DOJ) asked the Pasay Regional Trial Court to drop Radam as an accused in the electoral sabotage case.

The petition said the Comelec resolution was "a form of harassment against Radam who had been admitted into the DOJ's witness protection program (WPP)."

Violation of witness rights

It said the resolution "encroached" on the DOJ's prerogative to admit Radam into the WPP and violated the immunity granted to her when she was admitted into the program.

"By issuing such an order, the rights of the witness protected under the (Witness Protection Program Law) has been violated by the very agency—the Comelec—that used her testimony to indict the other accused in the case," the petition said.

It added that the Comelec had a "clean slate option" not to include Radam in the 11 criminal informations for electoral sabotage filed before the Pasay court.

The petition said that Radam applied for the WPP to gain immunity from prosecution while the DOJ secured her testimony for the successful prosecution of the electoral sabotage case.

"By virtue of (the April 18 Comelec resolution) which resolved not to file a motion to discharge Radam during the bail hearing, Radam's immunity from criminal prosecution will be rendered meaningless," the petition said.

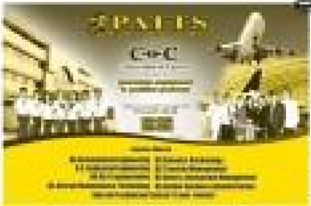
"Certainly, Radam will be discouraged from testifying and in so doing deny the prosecution the much needed evidence to prosecute the electoral sabotage case against those responsible," it added.

In ruling against her discharge, the majority of the Comelec commissioners faulted the DOJ for not first seeking Comelec approval for Radam's admission to the WPP.

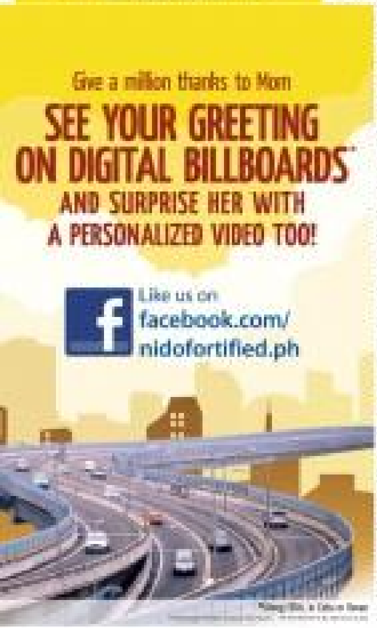
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Gov't workers to get pay increase one month early

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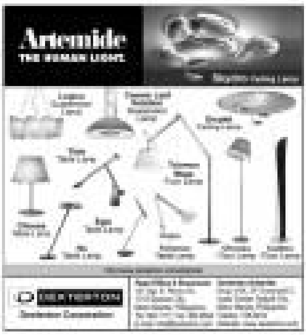
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P-Noy sees no war with China

No immediate US aid in war with China, says solon

PH fishers return to shoal amid presence of Chinese

Across the NATION

2 women rebels killed in encounter in Quezon town

W. Visayas workers get ₱12 wage hike

ILOILO CITY—The Regional Tripartite Wage and Productivity Board in Western Visayas (RTWPB-6) has approved a P12 increase in the daily minimum wage for workers in the region, way below the P97 increase demanded by labor groups.



OLD WORLD

Pork supply in Luzon drops after hog raisers' protest

Aklan villagers hope new bridge will spur progress

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P-Noy urged to look into fishery workers' plight

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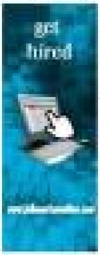
By Nancy C. Carvajal



NO REPRIEVE FOR INFORMAL SETTLERS

'No halt to demolitions'

INTERIOR Secretary Jesse M. Robredo yesterday clarified his remarks about calling for a halt to demolitions in Metro Manila, saying what he meant was the suspension of police assistance for the court-ordered dismantling of illegal structures.







Drug suspect killed while trying to escape

By Nancy C. Carvajal

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‘P-Noy keen on central terminals’

By Mike Mardon

Isko says he’s keeping 2013 options open



BOYS WILL BE BOYS
When things heat up, boys head for the Marikina River in Marikina City where they try to outdo each other by coming up with the most death-defying way to jump into the water.

Handpicked student delegates to welcome ADB delegates

Teen dies in accident

How Apple sidesteps billions of dollars in taxes

By Charles Duhigg and David Kocieniewski





The WORLD

China lawyer's flight thrills dissidents

BEIJING—The improbable escape of a well-known dissident from government detention—aided by a network of activists who helped him evade security forces for days—is emboldening China's often beleaguered human rights community, even as the authorities have begun rounding up those they suspect helped him flee.



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Retired top cop slams Israel leaders on Iran

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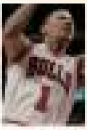
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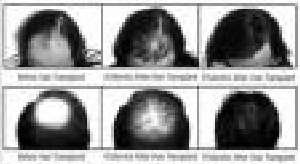
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Tigresses, Lady Eagles gain V-League q'finals



By Cedelf P. Tupas





Gems, S'masters break tie



Bugsay Boracay, Triton A share PDBF-ICC dragonboat honors



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Subic triathlon dangles top prizes

Meralco unveils smart innovations to SEIPI and World Electronics Forum



President Aquino (left) speaks before the joint WEF and SEIPI conference. Meralco VP Tony Valdez (inset) underscores the importance of technological innovations that benefit customers and help spur economic growth, during the Smart Grid presentation made before conference participants (right).

Meralco presented its "Smart Grid Journey" to 200 top officials and executives of the electronics industry at the 108th General Monthly Meeting of the Semiconductor and Electronics Industries of the Philippines, Inc. (SEIPI) and the 17th World Electronics Forum (WEF) in Cebu last week.

The conference, which was keynoted by President Benigno S. Aquino III, gathered some of the industry's global and local leaders.

Meralco gave a glimpse of its plans to keep in step with the dynamism of the country's semiconductor industry which feature intelligent innovations that will allow its customers to better manage their electric consumption.

In his presentation, Meralco Vice President for Marketing and Customer Solutions and Innovations Jose Antonio T. Valdez said the Meralco Smart Grid will provide network intelligence that will redound to higher system reliability, faster restoration, and empower customers with information so they manage their consumption better and save on their power bill.

"Meralco's pursuit of technological innovations is hinged on benefits for our customers, the community and the country. We want our industries to stay with the dynamism of the rest of the world and contribute to nation building," he said.

He noted that Smart Grid would enhance Meralco's distribution network efficiency which would translate into voltage optimization and improved power quality.

Smart Grid is also a platform from which prepaid electricity, home area networks and other value-added services can be launched.

It was the first time that the Philippines, through SEIPI, hosted the WEF, an annual gathering of the world's leading semiconductor and electronics associations, which previously was held in the US, China and the United Kingdom.



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Lady Falcons shut out Indonesians



Bruneians pip Navy softballers in 10 innings

Sagupaan semis fires off today at Pasay cockpit

'Bullang' stag derby series goes to Pasig

Winning ways in sports and life

Boystown kids learn football basics from Younghusbands, One Meralco Foundation



Fresh from their third place victory in the recently concluded Asian Football Federation Cup in Nepal, football superstars Phil and James Younghusband extended their winning streak by teaching underprivileged kids the rudiments of the game and inspiring them to win in life.





Pedroche feathered fighters top Malabon, La Loma derbies

1st PFGB All Presidents Classic 5-cocker slated at Pasay cockpit

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CHICAGO'S Derrick Rose goes up to pass against Philadelphia's Lavoy Allen in Game One of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals.

Bulls win but lose Rose



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Schalke nails automatic Champions League spot



Ateneo, Hope, STI share lead



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Efficiency key to PAL health, says SMC chief

Ang details plan to revive carrier's fortunes

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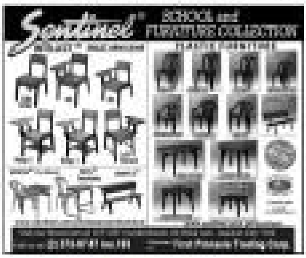
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Matthew 10:39

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Lopez firm introducing more innovative pricing plans

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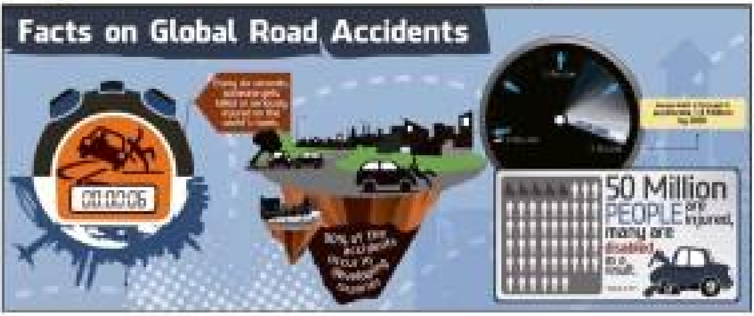
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Zest Air starts first direct int'l flight from Manila

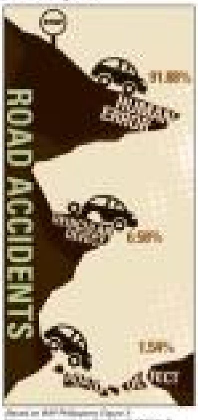
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Hyundai Leads the Way to Road Safety



Owning a car, we usually prioritize its looks and especially its upkeep with regular tune-ups, using genuine parts, and manufacturer-approved fluids. However, the responsibility that many of us usually take for granted is when we get on the road. We drive from point A to point B: to work, school, shopping or out-of-town destinations. But we really never think about road and pedestrian safety, and unfortunately often, it might be too late.

When driving, it's always better to prepare and prevent than to repair and regret. Although road accidents happen, we can do something to prevent and avoid mishaps. United Nations recently reported that road accidents and injury are an increasing problem around the world, with a broad range of social and economic consequences that come with thousands of lives affected every minute. This prompted the UN to launch Decade of Action for Road Safety (UN DARS) – a global campaign to raise awareness and solidarity for action on road traffic injuries. It aims to significantly reduce global road traffic fatalities by 2020.



In the Philippines, the number of car accidents increases every year with the leading cause mainly due to Human Error, followed by Vehicular Defect. Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. or HARI, the official distributor of Hyundai cars in the country, partners with the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) to support UN DARS in keeping the road safe by: (1) Encouraging Hyundai car owners to follow proper road courtesy; (2) Educating them in defensive driving; and (3) Proactively involving owners to regularly maintain their Hyundai cars using Genuine Hyundai Parts and lubricants.

From April 18 to June 23, Hyundai conducts its 2012 Car Wellness where owners can avail of big discounts and freebies when they go to participating Hyundai dealerships for Preventive Maintenance Services and more. Because at Hyundai, total car wellness is more than just about the car, it's about you and your safety on the road.









Industry sectors, gov't commit to craft roadmaps

Master plans seen boosting capability of local firms to beat competition



PNR pursues deal to secure 'air' rights over train tracks









UBP posts record profit

Q1 net hits P2.84B, up from only ₱708.28M a year ago

Ayala raising funds via 15-yr bond offering



SEC approves Rockwell listing

Philippine Stock Exchange

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The Industry Leader and the Largest Trader of Golf and Club Shares

BGS Club Shares

Maibarara prepares to spend $10M for two wells

ALI, Negros Occidental LGU ink land deal

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BUSINESS

Asean bourses' trading links to begin by June

Sun Cellular launches Smart Add-on Plans

Since Sun Cellular became a member of the country's largest telecommunications group, Sun has unveiled to the market its newest postpaid service which provides special call and text allocations to Smart and Talk N Text subscribers.

"As we synergize with our sister companies in the PLDT Group, and continue to grow our network for wider reach, we will be introducing more and more innovative products and services that offer best value to our postpaid customers," says Ricky G. Peña, Senior Vice President for Postpaid, Broadband and New Business Marketing of Sun Cellular.

For only P99 on top of their monthly service fees, current Sun postpaid subscribers can avail of the Smart Text Add-on Plan with 1,000 texts to Smart numbers or the Smart Call Add-on Plan with 50 hours of Sun-to-Smart calls.

Meanwhile, Sun also offers the Smart Combo Add-on Plan with 1,250 texts and 50 minutes of calls to Smart for only P199 per month, on top of the regular monthly bill.

Peña says these new add-on plans would yield significant savings on the internetwork correspondence of Sun Cellular subscribers to Smart customers. "These plans have been designed to give our subscribers as much as 90% savings on texts and will even let them enjoy call rates of as low as P2 per minute to Smart" he adds.

In December last year, Sun Cellular partnered with Smart to come up with the Smart-Sun Dual Plan 549 offering which features a dual postpaid subscription to both Sun Cellular and Smart networks with unlimited texts to Sun and Smart, 4 hours of Sun calls and 2 hours of Smart calls.

Sun is undergoing several network enhancements in its service areas covering Luzon and Mindanao. Peña further explained that these expansion efforts are being achieved through synergies and infrastructure support from the PLDT group.

BUSINESS *Monday*







Jimenez scion takes path toward entrepreneurship





Together in economics and in coffee



MAPping the Future

Different views on labor contractualization

Workplace Wisdom

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Singapore, Malaysia exchanges first to link trading platforms

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Lessons from Dad

Art, wood, cars

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO: ALL STOCKHOLDERS

Business

Gov't resumed loan binge in first quarter

Data shows reversal of last year's net repayments

Real-Estate Special

Rock-solid confidence

At home with Home Base TV show

CW Home Depot showcases its modular kitchen showrooms and security systems at GMA's home and interior TV show

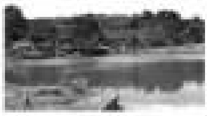






Sun Valley on expansion mode











An OFW finds the perfect family home

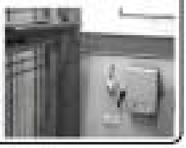




At home with Home Base TV show



Phone court advantage: open your gate remotely through a SIM





'It is this natural instinct to care for guests and the 'power of smile' that has helped the resort capture repeat customers'

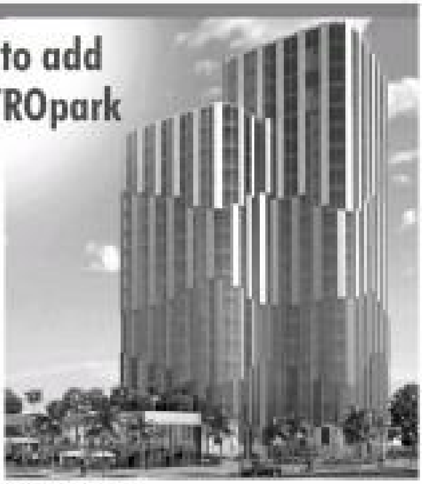


Getting the community involved in resort management



Infinity-shaped SixSenses Resort to add to the stunning landscape of METROpark







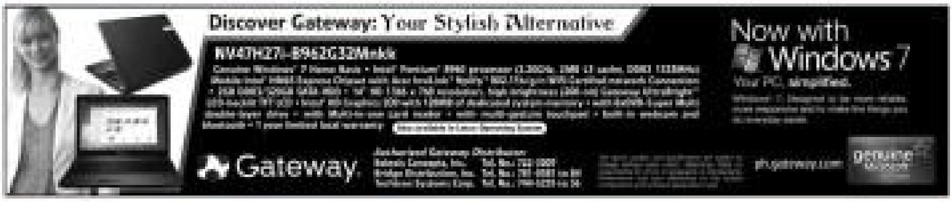
TwoE-com Prism Plaza offers a different perspective at the Mall of Asia Complex



1016 Residences introduces iPad app



LIFESTYLE Arts & Books







THE PATRON University Gallery director with Solomon Saprid's "Don Quixote" in the foreground; at left, "Ruins of Manila," by Fernando Amorsolo

Robert Bjorn Santos: Educator and art collector

His passion and taste for Philippine art are more than glimpsed from the Fatima University Gallery in Antipolo City

By Jessica Jaucalam-Robillo
Contributor

WHAT BEGAN with one painting acquired by a young man during a vacation abroad has grown into a university's vast collection. The artworks are enjoyed not only by the school's students but also by the public through the recently inaugurated Fatima University Gallery (FUG) on Fatima's new campus in Antipolo City.

To know the history of FUG is to also get glimpses of the life of its proprietor, gallery director Robert Bjorn Santos.

Bobbie, as the scion of the Santos clan that owns Fatima University is called by friends, used to prefer leisurely sipping coffee over studying and earning his college degree. A generous allowance allowed him to splurge on the luxury.

But his mother decided to give him a wake-up call. He was sent abroad to study and experience a life not as cushy. And learn lessons he did, finishing college and doing chores he had not done before, such as scrubbing his bathroom.

Santos learned to scrimp and was able to buy his first painting in 2001 while in the country on school break. After graduating the following year, he came back home and was offered a job by his mother, who was executive VP of what was then Our Lady of Fatima College.

Bobbie took the job and settled into the family's academic business, even joining the faculty and teaching Basic Communication Skills to college freshmen.

Consumed by painting

Because he was earning his own money, Bobbie treated himself to a second acquisition. He bought a watercolor piece.

"I felt consumed by a painting," he said, "thinking of it at work, in the car, and even in the bathroom!"

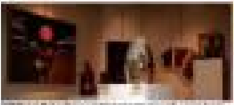
His father was sick and Bobbie kept him company. "I would visit art galleries in and around the metropolis. It became evident to my family, relatives, and friends that art—chasing after it and collecting it—was fast becoming a passion, and they recommended me to other artists, art collectors, dealers and galleries."

While he nurtured his newfound love by frequenting as many museums and galleries as he could and voraciously reading all sorts of books on art, the Commission on Higher Education elevated Fatima to a university. It came to be known as Our Lady of Fatima University (OLFU).

Further immersing himself in art, Bobbie enrolled in the Managing the Arts (MAP) program at Asian Institute of Management, hoping to open his own commercial gallery.

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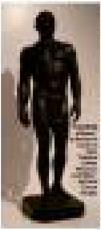


Mother's Day art exhibit at The Podium

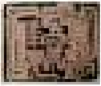
Robert Bjorn Santos: Educator...

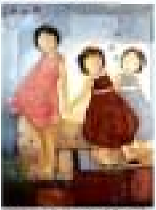












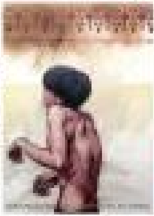




Ambie Abaño at Alliance Française

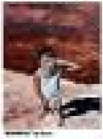


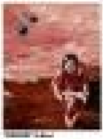




Mindanao artists' works on exhibit at Philippine Center in New York















'Tarak' at Anna

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Sculptures at BGC

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Visual Arts

Art Nouveau de Manila group in Intramuros

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Austria, Perez, et al. at Master Art Trend

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MM Yu at Silverlens

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Amorsolo at Ayala

[illegible]

Environmental art exhibit at Renaissance

[illegible]

Ejjay Pacheco at Crucible

[illegible]

Various artists at Lolo Dad's

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'Anggulo' at Sigwada

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NCCA's National Heritage Month opens in Romblon May 1

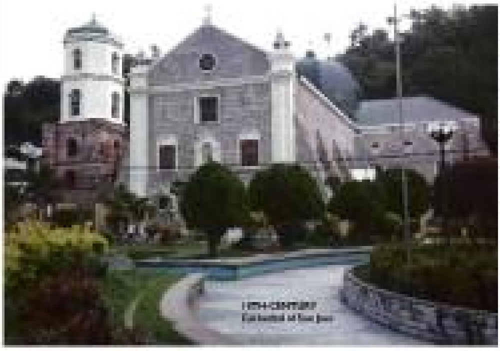
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Walking toward Buddhist stillness

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NCCA's National Heritage Month opens in Romblon May 1



17TH-CENTURY Cathedral of San Jose

ROMBLON, [illegible] will host the opening ceremony of this year's National Heritage Month on May 1 and 2.

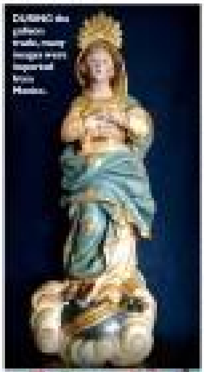
National Heritage Month is organized by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the government agency for arts and culture.

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Flores de Mayo exhibit in Malolos shows Filipinos' Marian devotion across the centuries



THE SIMPLICITY of its mode highlights the expressive beauty of the face of this 17th-century Virgen Inmaculada Concepcion of Italian provenance.



DURING the galleon trade, many images were imported from Mexico.



A PROFUSION of local flowers frames the image of the Virgen La Purisima in this poster print.

By [illegible]

A [illegible]

Grandeur of the past

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Call of the Virgin

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May as Month of Mary

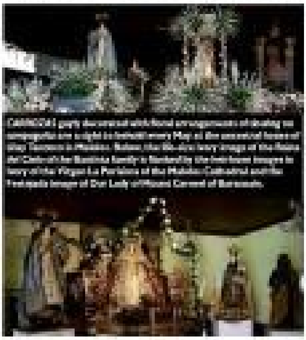
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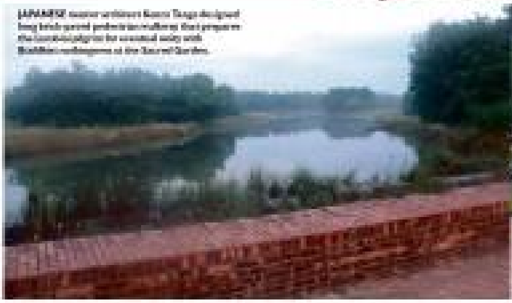


IN ALL [illegible]



CARROZAS [illegible]

[illegible]



JAPANESE master architect Kenzo Tange designed long brick-paved pedestrian walkway that prepares the Lumbini pilgrim for ... with Buddhist nothingness at the Sacred Garden.



PILGRIMS in meditation at the birthplace of the Lord Buddha in Nepal

Walking toward Buddhist stillness



YOUNG monk walks the path that leads to the Sacred Garden where the Lord Buddha was born.

GROUP of monks take refuge beneath a sea of Tibetan Buddhist prayer flags.

PRIDE OF PLACE

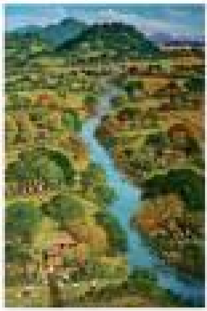
Augusto F. Villalon



Central to spiritual experience

Forgetting the mundane





Idyllic landscapes by Lino Acasio featured at Galeria Orlina in Taal, Batangas

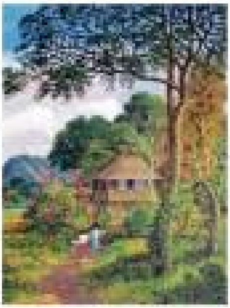
GALERIA ORLINA, in the cultural and historical town of Taal, Batangas, will hold the third solo exhibition of [illegible] painter Lino Acasio, who will display [illegible] of his recent paintings of [illegible] Philippine countryside and landscapes, aptly called "[illegible]."

Renowned art critic Cid Reyes [illegible] about the paintings of Acasio: "[illegible] and Batangas is the province of Batangas, the artist's birthplace, [illegible] that Acasio has wrought, [illegible] the landscapes that have nourished him spiritually and artistically." (From A Landscape of Batangas by Cid Reyes.)

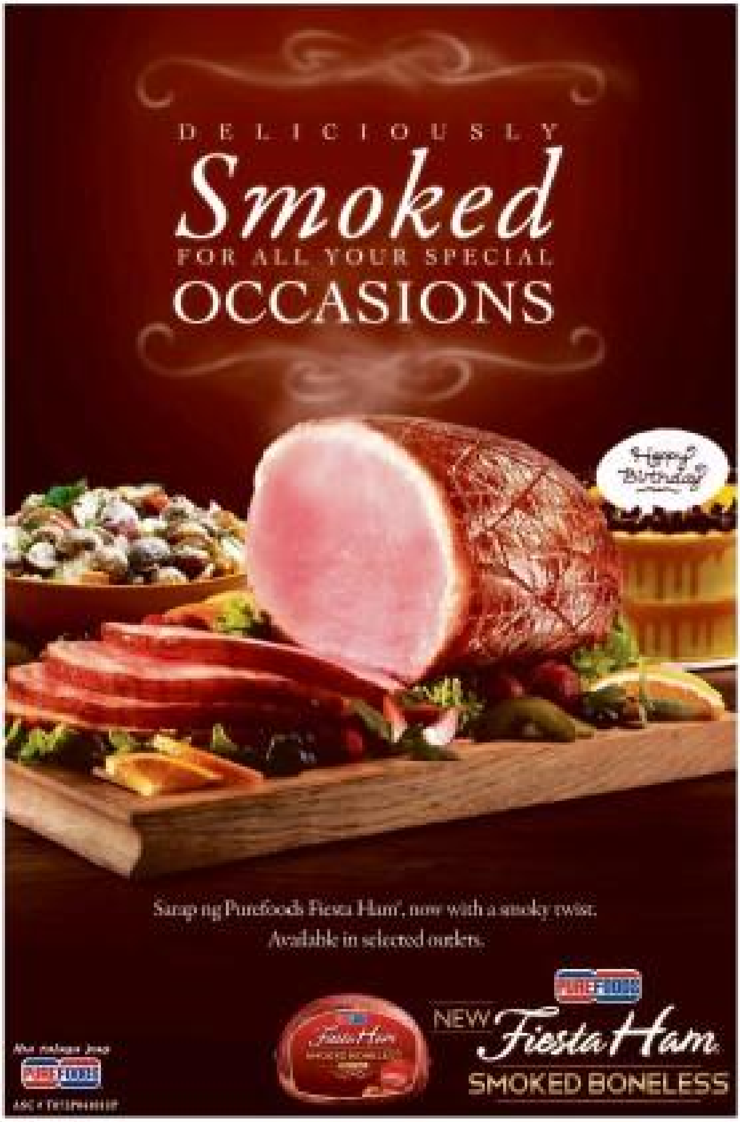
Once more in this show, the audience will be enchanted with the [illegible] "[illegible] River" [illegible] from Taal Lake and [illegible] through the length of Batangas. The rest of the collection [illegible] landscapes of Taal, Tagaytay and neighboring towns of Batangas, [illegible] in romantic greenery and a profusion of colors that are hallmarks of Acasio's masterful paintings.

The exhibition opened [illegible] on April 20 and will run till May 31. The opening of the art event coincided with "El Pasubat," a trade festival in Taal town held recently that showcased quality native food and consumer products, plus cultural presentations and [illegible].

For inquiries, call [illegible].



"[illegible]" (left); at left, "Bahay sa Tabing Ilog" (right)





INNOVATIVE bonsai dried "[illegible] Park Village," creation by [illegible], on exhibit May 5-14.

Joint exhibits to feature bonsai, suiseki and Zen gardening

THE SECOND NATIONAL Bonsai, Suiseki and Zen Garden Landscaping Show under the auspices of the Bonsai and Suiseki Alliance of the Philippines Inc. (BSAPI) will be held at Hardin ng mga Bulaklak, Quezon Memorial Circle, Quezon City.

Theme is "[illegible] in Bonsai, Suiseki and Zen Gardening." The event is in cooperation with the Quezon City government and the Department of Tourism.

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Contact [illegible].

LIFESTYLE Arts & Books



Spoofs galore in 'Forbidden Broadway'

Production satirizes contemporary and current Broadway and West End musical hits such as 'Phantom of the Opera,' 'Les Miserables,' 'Cats,' 'Mamma Mia!,' 'Hairspray' and 'Rent'





LORENZ Martinez



Satire





PPO concert season ends with a bang

Playing difficult pieces by Stravinsky and Brahms, Olivier Ochanine and the PPO deliver, with a little help from Sofya Gulyak





RUSSIAN pianist Sofya Gulyak and, left, maestro Olivier Ochanine

Gulyak delivers

Titan of the podium

Correction

The sound of music in unlikely places

The all-Fauré CD of cellist Alban Gerhardt and pianist Cecile Licad was declared Best CD by Gramophone Magazine





CELLIST Alban Gerhardt (left). Cover of new Lea Salonga album

Feel-good music

New Lea Salonga CD

Spoofs galore in 'Forbidden Broadway'

'Coppelia' is PBT's 2012 season opener



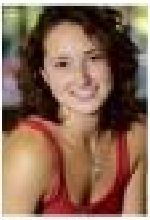


Reaching out from the US with dance









Coming back

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Raising funds

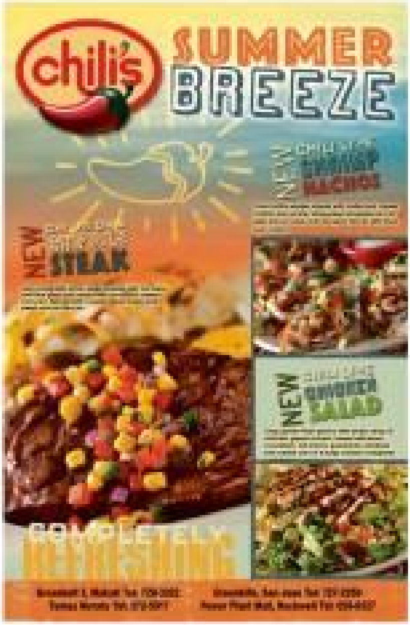


Former students hold musical tribute for Regalado S.L. José





A complete musician, he was a piano soloist, accompanist and orchestra conductor

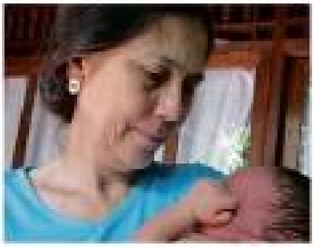


Choral festival at Philamlife



LIFESTYLE Arts & Books

CNN Hero Robin Lim will visit Manila; to sign copies of novel



NATIONAL Book Store and Anvil Publishing, in cooperation with the Podium, Discovery Suites and the Baguio Country Club, is holding a forum featuring CNN Hero of the Year 2011 Robin Lim.

Lim is a Filipino health worker who runs a birthing center in Bali, Indonesia. She is visiting the country to give an address before the Midwives League of the Philippines and to meet with our advocacy group.



Also a novelist, she will be signing copies of her book on April 30, 5-6 pm at the Podium Atrium in Ortigas Center, and on May 7 at the Baguio Country Club.

Lim became a midwife after her sister died from complications during pregnancy. In 2003, she and her team opened a natural-birth community clinic in Indonesia. The clinic has helped thousands of low-income women to deliver healthy babies.

In 2011, she was awarded CNN Hero of the Year for her tireless efforts in the cause of healthy childbirth.

Lim is also the author of the book "Butterfly People," released in 2009 by Anvil Publishing. A novel, it's a fictional tribute to six generations of a Filipino family from Baguio. Using the elements of magic realism, Lim intricately weaves her life story into this remarkable tale of clashing cultures.

"The stories are 'stolen' from my life, Nenita Munoz Lim, my mother, my great uncle, my many cousins and cousins in the Philippines," Lim said. "My late sister provided guidance and fueled my imagination and courage in choosing among the many versions of our family secrets."

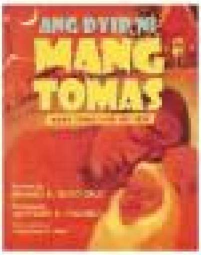
Elizabeth Gilbert, author of bestseller "Eat Pray Love," says of her: "Robin Lim is what we all should strive to be—a great, abundant, generous, warm and tirelessly loving force of humanity and grace."

Palanca Awardee and columnist Edgar Maranan describes the novel as a work of magical realism (that) strikes all the right chords. One is brought to tears and then laughter, and above all to a reflection on the human condition: how acts of love and cruelty in the past could affect the lives of people in the present.

Robin Lim's "Butterfly People" is available at National Book Store.

Children's book art now in malls

The colorful children's book 'Ang Dyip ni Mang Tomas' evokes the romance of the jeepney

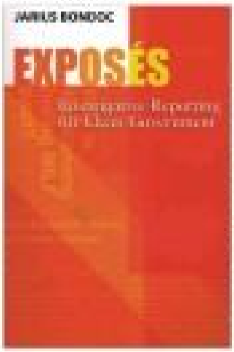


Gozum holds visual arts, photography workshops

The profound and the profane in Khavn de la Cruz's works



51st Silliman University National Writers Workshop slated April 30-May 19



Book of 'Exposés' released



BASIC photography seminar

Epson hosts photo seminar by Ricky Ladia



RICKY Ladia

Poetry in 3D

Cesare A. X. Syjuco's 'A Life of the Mind: His Poems for Walls' at Galeria Duemila blurs the boundaries between art and poetry





CESARE Syjuco

Galeria Roces exhibits Norberto Carating







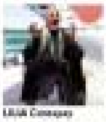




ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

INSIDE



Maja Company

■ Underrated Pinoy actors walk the red carpet abroad

Cheer Factor /G4



MAUI TAYLOR: producers have asked her to prepare outfits for three events

Koreans ask Maui to Cannes premiere

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

WHEN Inquirer interviewed Maui Taylor on Thursday, she had just received her invitation to the premiere of her Korean film, "The Taste of Money," at the Cannes International Film Festival in May.

"The producers have told me to apply for a visa," she said. "They've also asked me to prepare outfits for three events." She plans to wear a terno on the red carpet. "It should be Filipino, but modern, elegant and sexy."

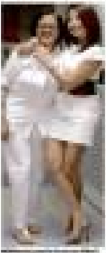
She's collaborating with young couturier [illegible] for her Cannes wardrobe. "I liked his designs when he

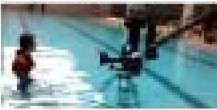
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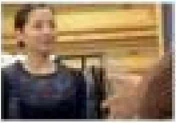
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Koreans ask Mari to Cannes pr









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Underrated Pinoy actors walk the red carpet in Udine, New York fests



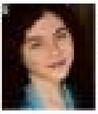
Tribeca scene







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Living Stars





Mike takes a hike

Kapuso actor swears on the joys of mountain climbing





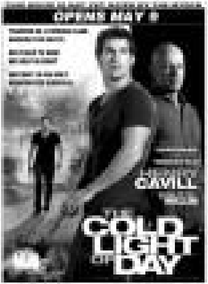
So young, so focused

'Pinoy Junior Masterchef' Kyle Imao likes to keep his hands busy

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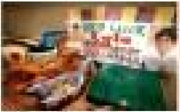
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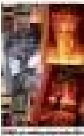




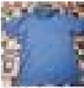












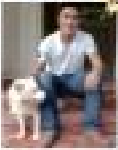


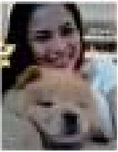




Mike takes a hike...



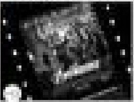






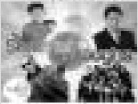
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MOVIE SPECIAL

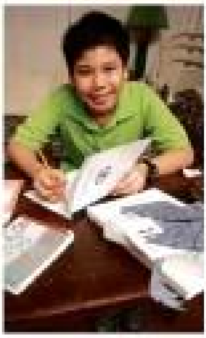


MALL EVENTS

MALL SPECIAL







So young...

Bag

Clothes

Gadgets



ENTERTAINMENT

Finding Lovi in Tawi-Tawi

Kapuso actress works with icons on the big and small screens



By Bayani San Diego Jr.

Mobbed

Papa's friend

'Amok' wins in Moscow fest

CHEER FACTOR



10 indies vie for best picture award in 35th Gawad Urian

By Marinel R. Cruz

Best actor

Best actress

Best supporting actor

Best supporting actress

Best director

Best production design

Best cinematography

Best music

Best editing

Best screenplay

Best sound

Ousted 'Idol': Not my time to go



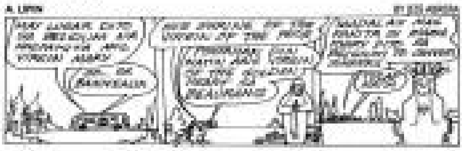
Middle America

Challenging judges

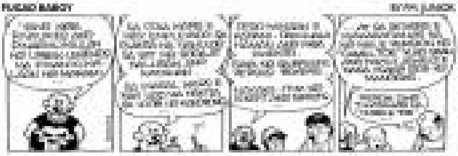
GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



A. LIPIN



PUGAD BABOY

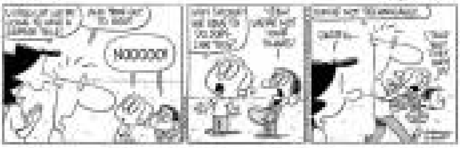


DICK TRACY — BY JOE STATON AND MIKE CURTIS



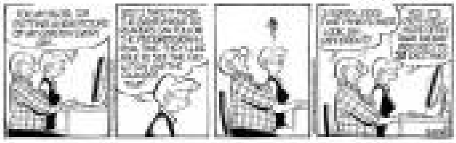


BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT

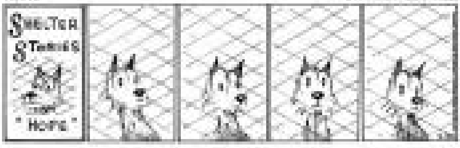




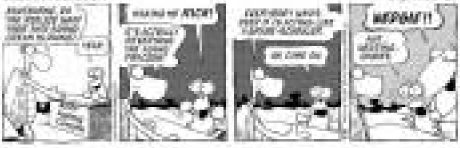
BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON



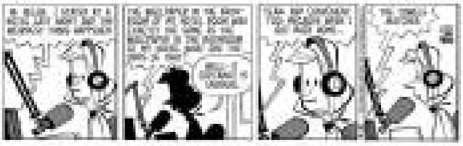
MUTTS — BY PATRICK MCDONNELL

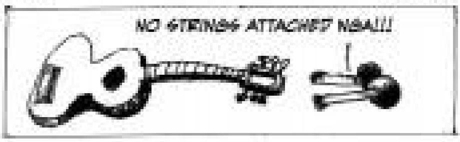


SHERMAN'S LAGOON — BY JIM TOOMEY



DUSTIN — BY STEVE KELLEY AND JEFF PARKER





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

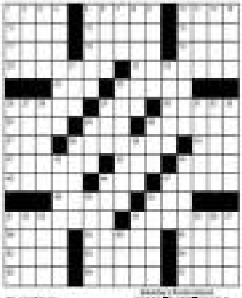
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

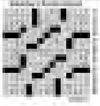
Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Conceptis Sudoku

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7			8			9		

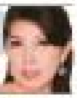
CROSSWORD PUZZLE





Derek Ramsay in remake of FPJ's 'Totoy Bato'

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

Sarah in a quandary!

Aljur's show flops

PLDT's Telpad



DEREK Ramsay

LEARNING

Public school teachers go 'camping'



CLARISSA Delgado



Babies No More: Help Your Kids Face the Future



The teaching I do–now

Training for Grade 7 teachers, subsidy for special sports program



Jose Rizal University Appoints New Law School Dean



Playgrounds for the MIND

UMak to implement K 11-12 ahead of schedule

[illegible]

OLFU-Valenzuela launches two accounting programs

[illegible]

Scholarship opportunities for 200 students at CCP

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Regional summit on environment for the academe May 15 to 17

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TIP conducts environmental research forum

[illegible]

Letran Theology students give dream wedding to poor couple

[illegible]

HONOR ROLL

UM debaters win another championship

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Top choirs at Musica FEUROPA May 1 to 2

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Canadian envoy at UPH grad rites 2012

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Don Bosco entry makes it to art tilt

[illegible]

SPORTS

Miriam College pep squad wins fourth consecutive WSCA title

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LPU signs academic partnership agreement with JP Morgan Chase

[illegible]

UE sets seminar on K to 12 implications, cyber bullying May 3

[illegible]

SJCQC launches 'Learn from the Experts' workshops, starts May 5

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P&A sponsors new audio-visual room at PUP

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Member Schools

[illegible]

Sister Tere, teacher reforms, K to 12



Finland reforms

Kinder in K to 12



It's 'three-peat' for CCBA in UST's Cheermania 2012

Seminar on creating critical classrooms

Program allows youths to earn and learn



Engineering tech scholarships deadline May 4

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Training for Grade 7...

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Don Bosco to train cement technicians





SHOWCASE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS